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USSR TERRITORIAL-ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (9)

[Comment: The following territorial-administrative changes were reported in the Soviet daily press and in Vedomosti Verkhov-nogo Soveta SSSR, primarily in July and August 1955. The dates of the ukases establishing the changes are given when available.

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

## GENERAL

Abolition of rayons in small cities in the Soviet Union is under consideration. A proposal to this effect was made in an Izvestiya article by Professor A. Ogloblin, deputy to the Supreme Soviet USSR, and I. Shavrin, director of the Smolensk city finance section and deputy to the Smolensk City Soviet. They pointed out that urban rayon organizations in small cities duplicate the work of the city organizations and that people are inconvenienced by this. They further stated that time and money would be saved and work would become more efficient if these rayons were abolished.(1)

## BELORUSSIAN SSR

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet Belorussian SSR, issued a ukase on 30 May 1955 transferring the center of Zhabchitskiy Rayon, Brestskaya Oblast, from the populated point of Zhabchitsy to the populated point of Molotkovichi.(2)

By 22 July 1955 ukases of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Belorussian SSR, the following urban (gorodskoy) settlements were designated cities of rayon subordination:

Mosty, Mostovskiy Rayon, Grodnenskaya Oblast;

Tolochin, Tolochinskiy Rayon, Vitebskaya Oblast;

Mar'ina Gorka, Pukhovichskiy Rayon, Minskaya Oblast (3)

## KARELO-FINNISH SSR

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet Karelo-Finnish SSR, issued a ukase on 24 June 1955 abolishing Zaretskiy, Oktyabr'skiy, and Pervomayskiy rayons of the city of Petrozavodsk for the purpose of simplifying and lessening the expense of the administrative apparatus of the city.(4)

By ukases of 24 June 1955, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Karelo-Finnish SSR, abolished Tungudskiy and Kesten'gskiy rayons (5) for the purpose of decreasing and lessening the cost of the administrative apparatus of the republic. The territory of Tungudskiy Rayon was transferred to Belomorskiy Rayon, and that of Kesten'gskiy Rayon to Loukhskiy Rayon. The deputies of Tungudskiy and Kesten'gskiy rayon soviets retained their authority and were incorporated into Belomorskiy and Loukhskiy rayon soviets, respectively.(6)

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## KAZAKH SSR

By 31 May 1955 ukases, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, designated the following populated points as workers' settlements:

Belogorsk, Bukhtarminskiy Rayon, Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast, with its name changed to Belogorskiy Workers' Settlement;

Asubulak, Ulanskiy Rayon, Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast;

Mamyt, Stepnyy Rayon, Aktyubinskaya Oblast.

By a 3 June 1955 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, the city of Stepnyak, Kokchetavskaya Oblast, was designated a city of rayon subordination and was made part of Enbekshil'derskiy Rayon. The center of Enbekshil'derskiy Rayon was transferred from Kazgorodok Village to Stepnyak.(2)

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, by a 1 August 1955 ukase designated workers' settlements Kantagi and Mirgalimsay, Turkestanskiy Rayon, Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast, a city of oblast subordination with the name Kentau. Achisay Workers' Settlement was removed from Turkestanskiy Rayon and was transferred to the administrative subordination of Kentau City Soviet.

By a 6 August 1955 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Kazakh SSR, the territory of Aynabulakskiy grain sovkhoz was transferred from Nurinskiy Rayon to Zhana-Arkinskiy Rayon, Karagandinskaya Oblast.(7)

## LITHUANIAN SSR

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet Lithuanian SSR, issued a ukase on 1 July 1955 abolishing Druskininkskiy, Zhezhmarskiy, Panemunskiy and Smelyayskiy rayons. As a result of the abolishing of the rayons, the following were transferred:

From Panemunskiy Rayon to Viliyampol'skiy Rayon -- Altonishkskaya, Virbalishkskaya, Virshuzhigl'skaya, Garlyavskaya, Girininkskaya, Zapishkskaya, Ilgakemskaya, Margininkskaya, Payesskaya, Pazherayskaya, Ringaudayskaya, Rokel'skaya, Samilayskaya, Taurakenskaya, Ezherel'skaya, and Yurginishkskaya apilinkas (villages) and the city-type settlement of Kachergine;

From Panemunskiy Rayon to Shakyayskiy Rayon -- Lekechskaya Apilinka;

From Viliyampol'skiy Rayon to Ionavskiy Rayon -- Sivilonskaya and Uzhusal'skaya apilinkas;

From Smelyayskiy Rayon to Ukmergskiy Rayon -- Bastunskaya, Butkunel'skaya, Butkunskaya, Zhelvaskaya, Krikshtenskaya, Kul'nishskaya, Pabayskaya, Steponavskaya, and Sheshuol'skaya apilinkas;

From Smelyayskiy Rayon to Shirvintskiy Rayon -- Bagadlavishkskaya, Gelvonskaya, Manchyushenskaya, and Yuknonskaya apilinkas;

From Ukmergskiy Rayon to Ionavskiy Rayon -- Panoterskaya Apilinka;

From Zhezhmarskiy Rayon to Kayshyadorskiy Rayon -- Anglininkskaya, Daynyayskaya, Zhezhmarskaya, Kal'vyayskaya, Klerishkskaya, Kruonisskaya, and Shilenskaya apilinkas;

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From Zhezhmarskiy to Vevisskiy Rayon -- Ketavishkskaya and Lyutonskaya apilinkas;

From Zhezhmarskiy Rayon to Yeznasskiy Rayon -- Vilunskaya, Darsunishkskaya, and Plaskunskaya apilinkas;

From Druskininskiy Rayon to Varenskiy Rayon -- Kabel'skaya, Martsinkonskaya, Masalishkskaya, Merkinskaya, Ratnichskaya, and Rodukskaya apilinkas;

From Druskininskiy Rayon to Alitusskiy Rayon -- Savilenskaya Apilinka;

From Druskininskiy Rayon to Veyseyskiy Rayon -- Vil'kyautinskaya and Kibishskaya apilinkas.

By this same ukase, the name of Viliyampol'skiy Rayon was changed to Kaunasskiy Rayon.(8)

#### MOLDAVIAN SSR

By an 8 August 1955 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Moldavian SSR, the name of Kishkareny village was changed to Lazo Village and Kishkarenskiy Rayon to Lazovski Rayon.(9)

#### RSFSR

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet RSFSR, has issued ukases for the following territorial-administrative changes:

By 10 June 1955 ukases, Dokshukino Workers' Settlement, Urvanskiy Rayon, and Tyrny-Auz Workers' Settlement, El'brusskiy Rayon, both of the Karbardinian ASSR, were designated cities of rayon subordination;

By 10 June 1955 ukase, the workers' settlement of Muli of the suburban zone of the city of Sovetskaya Gavan', Khabarovskiy Kray, was renamed Vysokogornyy.(2) (See last entry under RSFSR.)

By 23 June 1955 ukase, the workers' settlement of Ol'zheras, Myskovskiy Rayon, Kemerovskaya Oblast, was designated a city of oblast subordination and renamed Mezhdurechensk.

By 23 June 1955 ukases, the center of Intinskiy Rayon, Komi ASSR, was changed from the workers' settlement of Verkhnyaya Inta to Inta, and the center of Chunskiy Rayon, Irkutskaya Oblast, from Chuna Settlement to Oktyabr'skiy Settlement.

By 30 June 1955 ukases, the city of Gundorovka, Kamenskiy Rayon, Kamenskaya Oblast, and the workers' settlement of Gukovo, Zverevskiy Rayon, Kamenskaya Oblast, were designated cities of oblast subordination. The name of Gundorovka was changed to Donetsk.

By 1 July 1955 ukase the following rayons of Stalingradskaya Oblast were abolished:

Krasnoslobodskiy Rayon, with its territory transferred to Sredne-Akhtubinskiy Rayon;

Netkachevskiy Rayon, with its territory transferred to Molotovskiy Rayon

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Rakovskiy Rayon, with its territory transferred to Mikhaylovskiy and Frolovskiy rayons.(10)

By 13 July 1955 ukases, Kotel'nikovskiy Workers' Settlement, Kotel'nikovskiy Rayon, Stalingradskaya Oblast, was designated a city of rayon subordination and its name changed to Kotel'nikovo, and Lipkovskiy Workers' Settlement, Dedilovskiy Rayon, Tul'skaya Oblast, was designated a city of rayon subordination and its name changed to Lipki.

By a 13 July 1955 ukase, the populated point of Gornyy, Kirovskiy Rayon, Primorskiy Kray, was designated a workers' settlement, retaining the same name.

By a 13 July 1955 ukase, the village of Nizhnaya Rovenka, Staro-Oskol'skiy Rayon, Belgorodskaya Oblast, was transferred to Yazenovskiy Rayon, Kurskaya Oblast.(5)

By a 4 August 1955 ukase, Kungurskiy and Solikamskiy rayons of Molotovskaya Oblast were abolished and their territory transferred to the administrative subordination of Kungur and Solikamsk city soviets, respectively.

By a 4 August 1955 ukase, the populated point of Sholokhovka, Litvinovskiy Rayon, Kamenskaya Oblast, was designated a workers' settlement and its name changed to Sholokhovskiy.(11)

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, issued a ukase in compliance with the request of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet RSFSR, changing the name of Muli Railroad Station of the Far Eastern Railroad System to Vysokogornaya Station.(10)

#### TADZHIK SSR

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, issued a ukase on 24 August 1955 confirming the proposal of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Tadzhik SSR, on the abolition of Garmskaya and Kulyabskaya oblasts and transferring the rayons of the abolished oblasts and the city of Kulyab to the direct subordination of the republic organs of the Tadzhik SSR.(12)

#### TURKMEN SSR

By 10 June 1955 ukase the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Turkmen SSR, abolished the Village Soviet imeni Panfilov, Kirovskiy Rayon, Ashkhabadskaya Oblast, and transferred the populated points and the territory of the Kolkhoz imeni Lenin to Kara-Vekil' Village Soviet and the populated points and territory of Kizyl Koshun Kolkhoz to Baba-Daykhan Village Soviet of the same rayon.(13)

#### UZBEK SSR

A session of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Uzbek SSR, held in August 1954, reported that the consolidation of village soviets in the republic had been completed. The number of soviets was reduced from 1,422 to 975. (14)

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